

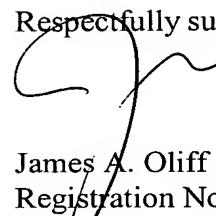
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 are allowed. By this Amendment, Applicants amend the specification to include Figs. 18 and 19 in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the specification. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request prompt issuance of the application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for issuance.

Should the Patent Office believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Patent Office to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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